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### **VIA EFS-WEB**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

#### AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2008 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

### **FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

\_\_\_\_ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	No. Claims		Highest No.						
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	Amendment		Paid For		Present		Rate	F	EE
TOTAL	3	MINUS	20	*=	0	X	(\$26 SE or \$52)	\$	0
INDEP	1	MINUS	3	** =	0	X	(\$110 SE or \$220)	\$	0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim						X	(\$195 SE or \$390)	\$	0
* not less than 20							TOTAL	\$	0

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# **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

## **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1.		If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2.	_\	If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3.	1	If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4.	V	If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.